

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, August 6, 1990

Present: William Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Don Phelps, Madeleine Henley, AA, Betty Shaw, Sec./Bk.

Meeting called to order at 7:30

At the request of the selectmen, Jim Lamothe, Health and Welfare Officer, met with the selectmen to discuss an article in the paper regarding a case. The correct procedure as to how to prosecute possible fraud cases was discussed.

Peter Lamb, Jim and Janet Shea, M. Cody, Victor Rosansky, Ann and Phil Dwight, Arthur Merrill, and Kelly Hatmaker, Peterborough Transcript, abutters of Meeting House Hill and Bob Varnum, Road Agent, reviewed the problem of run off from Meeting House Hill. Possible solutions were talked over and it was agreed that the abutters will meet at 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 11 to see what options they have and the best way to go about making corrections to the problem. There was a question as to a natural spring possibly being on State land. This spring causes much of the icing on Route 31.

A follow up meeting with Peter Lamb was set for Aug 27th. If the abutters do not come to an agreement, selectmen are to notified by the 20th of August.

The abutters hope to have the problem cleared up by November 1, 1990.

Selectmen reviewed the waste oil heater bids with the Road Agent. A decision was not made at this time. Bob Varnum will talk to several people who have a Sunfire Burner to see if they are satisfied with it.

Clark Craig, Sr. and Clark Craig, Jr. requested feed back from the selectmen regarding the concerns voiced the last time they met. Selectmen see the problems as solved at this time.

Gary Gagnon, Police Sgt., submitted a request to appoint Walter Crane as a dog officer. After some discussion, Ed moved to appoint Mr. Crane as animal control officer. Second, Don. All in favor, so moved.

Don moved to increase the dog pick up fee from the present \$15 to \$25. Ed second. All in favor, so moved. (When an officer picks up a dog and returns it to the owner, a fee of \$25 will be charged to the owner. This money will be turned into the Town.)

Chris Joseph will turn in all equipment etc. to Sgt. Gagnon who will then turn over the final paycheck.

Gary requested pistol permit money be used as petty cash in the police office. RSA 159:7 states this money is to be used for the Police Department.

Don moved to designate Gary to issue pistol permits. Second, Ed. All in favor, so moved.

Selectmen agreed to the use of the permit money as petty cash with the understanding Gary would keep a record of income and expenditures.

Gary reported the second cruiser will be used as a back up only.

Don moved to accept the bid for an interior ramp from R&Z Construction in the amount of \$9,700. Second Ed. All in favor, so moved.

No Selectmen's meeting will be held the week of Sept. 3rd.

Hawthorne College was discussed.

Meeting adjourned 10:30

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Pete L
Jim Shea
Janet Shea

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Victor Rosansky

Ann Dwyer
Bob Dwyer

Archie Morrison A.A. 98

(Kelly Haberman - Ketchikan Transcript)

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sgt. Gagnon
SUBJECT: Dog Control
DATE: 8-2-90

I would like to propose the following to the BOS regarding efficient enforcement of the dog control ordinance:

1: I recommend the hiring of Walter Crane (dob 8-11-44) as the Antrim Animal Control Officer. Mr. Crane runs the Spring Meadow Animal Shelter Inc. in Hillsborough and has eight years experience in this field. He is State licensed and inspected and has attended the ACO Academy, and currently serves as a NH representative on their Board of Directors. Swearing Mr. Crane in would allow him to serve abatement notices and summonses directly to offenders from his shelter, rather than causing an Antrim officer to have to go to the shelter when someone picks up their dog. He is currently sworn in Deering, Hillsborough and Henniker. We discussed compensation and feel a per-call basis of payment is better suited to Antrim's needs, making it easier to recover the Town's expenditure from the individual dog owner. His fees are as follows:

- a. Pick-up fee: \$25.00 plus \$0.20 per mile.
- b. \$5.00 per day board, with an eight day maximum.
- c. \$25.00 fee in the event the dog must be destroyed.

I advised Mr. Crane that I would like to see a system whereby the original call was given to an Antrim official and he would be called to respond to the complaint if it would better serve the efficient handling of a call. As an example; if we got a barking dog complaint a 5:00 pm it would be more efficient for the duty officer to respond and take enforcement action with the owner, but if the dog was creating a nuisance and the owner was not immediately available, then Mr. Crane could respond, seize the dog, and the owner would be charged for fees as per section 5 of the Antrim Animal control ordinance.

Mr. Crane is a very capable person for this position and keeps accurate records, his system is computerized. He also may have suggestions for minor changes in our policies based on his experience and training that would be beneficial.

2. I recommend that the BOS establish a policy of charging dog owners a fee of \$25.00 for pick-up of animals by a full-time officer, regardless of whether the dog is transported to the shelter or to the owners residence. Currently the policy is a \$15.00 charge. This would bring us in line with Mr. Crane's charges and be a source of revenue to cover expenses of anonymously owned dogs that the Town must pay for.